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Classified By: Political Counselor Walter N.S. Pflaumer for reasons 1.4  
(b) and (d)

[1](#)1. (C) On April 17, Poloff delivered reftel demarches and a copy of the United States Human Rights Commitments and Pledges to Ambassador M.K. Ibrahim, Deputy Director of the International Organizations Department in the Second United Nations Division at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Ibrahim expressed his delight over the U.S. decision to re-engage with the UN Human Rights Council (HRC) and stated that Nigeria would "absolutely support" U.S. candidacy. Highlighting that Nigeria is also up for re-election to the HRC this May, Ibrahim requested "reciprocity" and said that support for their candidacy would be expected and appreciated.

[1](#)2. (U) This cable was coordinated with Consulate Lagos.  
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